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SUBJECT: SOUVANNA'S PLANS

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1. MANGKHALA TOLD EMBOFF OCTOBER 8 THAT AFTER THE END OF TESTS AND CONSULTATIONS WITH DOCTORS SOUVANNA DECIDED TO DELAY HIS RETURN TO LAOS UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH OR BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER. AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN SOUVANNA'S AND DOCTORS' REASONING WAS FATIGUE FROM THAT LUANG CEREMONIES WHICH SOUVANNA WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO AVOID IF HE WERE IN LAOS. LAO ARE CONSIDERING NOT ONLY THE AIR FRANCE FLIGHT DIRECT TO VIENTIANE, BUT ALSO THE AIR FRANCE 747 FLIGHT TO BANGKOK WHERE A SPECIAL PLANE COULD PICK UP SOUVANNA.

2. ON OCTOBER 7 SOUVANNA TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE WILL MAKE IT CLEAR TO LAO THAT WHEN HE RETURNS IT IS TO CONTINUE HIS CONVALESCENCE, NOT TO RESUME IMMEDIATELY WORK AS USUAL. HE INTENDS TO GO TO LUANG PRABANG FIRST SINCE IT WILL BE MORE RESTFUL; HE WILL NOT, IN ANY CASE, BE ABLE TO LIVE IN HIS VIENTIANE RESIDENCE UNTIL THE CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED.

3. SOUVANNA SAYS THAT HE STILL FEELS THAT HE IS NOT PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY UP TO A STRENUOUS POLITICAL ROLE.

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HE TIRES EASILY AND FEELS THAT HE IS NOT AS SHARP

MENTALLY AS HE IS ACCUSTOMED TO BE. HE REALIZES THAT SOME OF THE PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY MENTAL, ARE CAUSED BY THE MEDICATION, BUT HE NOTED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO CONTINUE TO TAKE IT FOR ANOTHER THREE MONTHS OR SO. FRIDAY, AFTER A HALF HOUR CHAT WITH CHIRAC AND LUNCH WITH GISCARD, HE FOUND THAT AT THE END OF HIS TWO MINUTE RETURN TOAST HE WAS REALLY OUT OF BREATH. HE EMPHASIZED THAT BOTH SIDES IN LAOS MUST REALIZE THAT IT WILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE HE CAN FUNCTION AS ACTIVELY AS BEFORE.

4. MANGKHALA SAID THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO LAOS ON SCHEDULE OCTOBER 17. HE NOT ONLY WISHES TO JOIN HIS FAMILY, BUT THINKS THAT HE SHOULD BE IN LAOS WHEN SISOUK DEPARTS ON HIS AID-SEEKING TRIP.
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